

## ATTACKS ROOSEVELT AND STEEL TRUST

Treasurer of Wire Articles Manufacturing Company Indulges in Sarcasm Before Revisionists.

### EMPLOYEES TURNED OUT TO STARVE

Manufacturer Favoring Reduction of Duty on Pig Iron, Arraigns President and Accuses Him of Partiality to Steel Corporation—Tin Workers Ask for Stand-pat Rates.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Representatives of labor appeared before the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives yesterday to advocate the maintenance of the present duty on tin.

John Williams, an official of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers asked that the duty on tin plates be maintained and that the system of drawback on exported tin manufactured be abolished.

The reduction of the duty, he said, would demoralize the American industry.

Chairman Payne read a letter under the seal of the United Sons of Vulcan of Pittsburg protesting against Williams' appearing before the committee to represent the tin workers, giving as a reason for the opposition to Williams the fact that he had advocated Bryan's election. This led Mr. Williams to denounce the resolution. "But are you in the employ of manufacturers?" asked Mr. Payne. "Positively not, sir" was the reply.

### Radical Reform Urged.

Tariff reform so radical as to exceed that urged by the Democrats was advocated by Jesse F. Orton, of the New York Tariff Reform Club.

When Nelson Lyon, secretary-treasurer of a company manufacturing wire articles at Tarrytown, N. Y., took the stand to ask for a revision of the tariff on pig iron, Representative Griggs, of Georgia, inquired, "Are you making any money?"

"A little, not much."

He claimed that if the entire tariff had been revised from pig iron down during the last year the American manufacturers would have received \$153,000 more than they received for the production in 1906. In that year he said a profit was made, for the steel trust does not produce unless it produces at a profit.

### Roast for Roosevelt.

In an attack on "steel trust" Mr. Lyon said that during the panic last fall, "our great and good President Roosevelt, who rules our land in righteousness, allowed the steel trust to turn 70 per cent of their employees out to starve."

He said the President encouraged this corporation to absorb its competitors, the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company.

"We are also told," continued Mr. Lyon, "that President Roosevelt promised this trust immunity from prosecution; so they came out boldly and told us they would not reduce their prices of production."

"Why our great President is following the Standard Oil Company to prevent its selling oil a few cents cheaper than its competitors and lets the steel trust go scot free while stealing from the public through the robber tariff from one to two hundred million dollars a year, is beyond my comprehension."

### Payne Resents Criticism.

"We are fully aware that the bill reported from the committee will be judged by the people, not in the light or view of those wise prophets or critics who are judging it in advance, but in the light of what will be learned from the bill itself and from an examination of the material before the committee."

In these words Sen. Payne, chairman of the House ways and means committee today replied to the letter from J. W. Van Cleave, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, declining to appear before the committee and and criticizing the methods being pursued in revising the tariff.

### Invitation Holds Good.

"Of course if you have no information at your disposal which would aid the committee in the formation of a bill, I can understand your refusal to appear. If you have such information, I cannot see why you do not accept the invitation which has been extended to you and which is still held out to you should you reconsider your determination," concluded Mr. Payne.

would be to acquiesce in the superficial methods of investigation against which we protest. We have carefully watched all the statements that have been made by you and your associates in recent years, and instead of convincing us of the errors of our ways, we are more than ever convinced that your present plans of gaining information on which the readjustment is proposed to be based is ridiculous, absurd and fatally wrong."

### Wants Cheaper Automobiles.

Charles H. Sherrill, of New York, appeared today for the Importers Automobile Salon, favoring a reduction in the tariff for automobiles. He charged that there is an automobile trust which expects to get the duty on automobiles increased.

"Instead of an 'infant industry' which is seeking protection at the hands of your honorable committee," said Mr. Sherrill, "it could more properly be called a trust. The American manufacturers of automobiles."

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## VARIOUS NEW THEORIES

Reports of Impending Arrests in Steinheil Sensation.

### WOMAN IS STILL IN CUSTODY

Count, Whose Name Has Been Mentioned in Connection With Mme. Steinheil, Declares Latter Bereft of Mental Faculties.

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, Nov. 27.—The case of Madame Steinheil, who was arrested in this city yesterday after a day of sensational developments in the matter of the murder of her husband and her stepmother, Mme. Japy, in this city last May, was today taken out of the hands of M. Leydett, the examining magistrate, who has been in charge up to the present, and turned over to Magistrate Andre.

Barring this change of magistrates, there have been no developments since last night.

Mme. Steinheil is still under arrest on the charge of aiding and abetting in the murder of her husband, and stepmother. Expert physicians have declared that Mme. Steinheil undoubtedly is suffering from a kind of hysteria peculiar to a certain class of neurotics which manifests itself in the invention of the wildest accusations.

### Honest But Unbalanced.

Count Darlon, whose name has been mentioned in connection with that of Mme. Steinheil, at whose house in Paris Mme. Steinheil stayed for a few weeks after the murder of her husband, declared today that she was an honest and honorable woman.

The count said, however, that he was convinced Madame Steinheil was no longer possessed of her mental faculties and he characterized the story that she was present at the death of Felix Faure as a base calumny. He declared there was ample evidence to prove that she was at that time ill in her own home.

George Berry and Denis Cochon, conservative members of the chamber of deputies, have declared their intention of interpellating the government on the attitude of the magistrates in the Steinheil case. This action is designed to raise the political side of the affair.

### Various New Theories.

Various new theories on the crime have been advanced since the arrest of Mme. Steinheil and tonight there are many reports in circulation of impending arrests.

Up to midnight, however, nobody had been taken into custody.

Magistrate Andre has begun a new and completely independent investigation of the whole case starting with a lengthy examination of Romi Couillard, who was arrested last Saturday, charged with the murder, but subsequently released, and all the events connected with the discovery of the crime, particularly the position of the body of Mme. Japy when it was found and the manner in which it was bound to the bed.

### Guilt of Manslaughter.

BARNESVILLE, GA., Nov. 27.—Ben Purdie, who shot from ambush Town Marshal Porch six weeks ago, was today found guilty of voluntary manslaughter in Pike county superior court and sentenced by Judge E. J. Reagin to serve 15 years in the state prison.

## HUNDRED PERISH IN SINKING STEAMER

Philippine Coaster Strikes Rock During Storm and Goes to the Bottom.

### FIFTY-FIVE PERSONS RESCUED

Not Known Yet Exact Number of Drowned, But Estimated at One Hundred—Large Number of Rice Field Laborers Aboard—Bodies Recovered by Constabulary.

(By Associated Press.)

MANILA, Nov. 28.—The coasting steamer Pontif, carrying a large number of laborers from Narvaen to the rice fields in Pangasinan province, struck a rock and sank last night during a storm off the town of San Fernando in Union province. It is estimated that a hundred of the passengers and crew of the Pontif were drowned. The steamer Vigaya rescued 55.

A patrol of constabulary which was established recovered several bodies as they were coming ashore. It is not known whether any American or Europeans were aboard the wrecked steamer.

### INDEFINITELY CONTINUED.

Tobacco Trust's Must Await Higher Court's Decision.

(By Associated Press.)

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 27.—The suit of the American Tobacco Company against R. P. Richardson, Jr. & Company of North Carolina, to compel the transfer of the stock of the defendant company to the American Tobacco Company in compliance with an alleged agreement, has been indefinitely continued.

The suit was to have come to trial in the chancery court next Wednesday.

Today, however, counsel for the Richardson company asked Vice Chancellor Howell for the postponement of the trial, on the ground that the suit could not be decided until after the United States Supreme Court had decided the pending suit of the government against the American Tobacco Company.

Counsel for the American Tobacco Company asked that the issue of fraud raised by the Richardson company be tried regardless of the government suit. The request was denied and the postponement ordered.

### PROSECUTION HALTED.

In Suit Against Estate of Late H. B. Hyde.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—A halt in the prosecution of a \$2,000,000 suit against the estate of the late H. B. Hyde, founder of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was brought about today by an action of Justice Bischoff in the Supreme Court. On application of James H. Hyde and his mother, Annie G. Hyde, trustees under the will of H. B. Hyde, Justice Bischoff granted an injunction restraining the Equitable Society, its subsidiary concerns, the Mercantile Trust Company and George Turner from proceeding with the suits against Hyde for the recovery of \$2,000,000, which it is alleged he had improperly used in the purchase of the Western National Bank of this city.

The injunction restrains the prosecution of the suit until it has been determined whether the trustees or the Equitable are responsible.

The sum sued for is alleged to be the balance of \$6,000,000 invested by the Equitable Company in 1894 in stock of the Western National Bank, whose affairs have since been liquidated.

### HONORS FOR YI.

Chinese Envoy Will Be Received With Ceremony.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Arrangements were made by the state department for the reception of Tang Shao Yi, the Chinese envoy who probably will reach this city Monday afternoon next. The envoy will be met at the union station by either Assistant Secretary Bacon or Assistant Secretary Wilson and several other officials, together with the military aides of the President. The party of the envoy will consist of 21 members, including Tang Yi, and after a simple reception and introductions, they will be driven to the special residence that has been prepared for them on K street.

### LIBERALS ARE INCENSED.

At Rejection by Peers of the License Bill.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Nov. 27.—The House of Lords created an interesting political situation this evening by rejecting the license bill by a vote of 272 to 76. The Liberals are likely to make this action a rallying cry in their campaign for the curtailment of the power of the House of Lords, claiming that the peers have defeated the will of the people.

They set forth, furthermore, that the bill being a revenue measure, is outside the jurisdiction of the House of Lords. On the other hand, the conservatives insist that this bill is the most unpopular measure with the country attempted in many years, and the House of Lords in rejecting it, has carried out public sentiment. They urge the government to test the question by going before the country in a general election, but there is very little likelihood of this being done.

### ALARM FOR TRANSPORT.

It is Feared She Encountered Typhoon Near Philippines.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Considerable alarm is felt at the war department over the fact that the army transport Dix, recently from Seattle to Manila, with a cargo of 200 horses and 250 mules is six days overdue. It is feared here that the Dix was caught in the same typhoon which disabled the hospital ship Relief near the Philippine islands, while proceeding from Manila to the island of Guam.

Adjutant General Ainsworth today sent a cablegram to Manila requesting that a vessel be sent out at once from that port to locate the Dix.

The Dix is the largest of the army transports. She sailed from Seattle October 30. She should have arrived at Manila about Nov. 21.

### OFFICERS SILENCED.

President Will Allow No Further Discussion of War Ships.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—That there shall be no further public discussion by naval officers concerning the Newport conference is the purport of an order issued today by Secretary Metcalf by direction of the President.

On October 30 the department issued an order permitting officers to discuss the work of the conference except so far as it applied to changes to be made in ships to be authorized in the future. The President has now concluded that public discussion of alleged defects of battleships will not serve any good purpose and officers will be held to a strict accountability in this respect.

### Pleased With Reception.

(By Associated Press.)

OGDEN, UTAH, Nov. 27.—The special train of several cars, carrying the Chinese envoy Tang Shao Yi and entourage, passed through here late today enroute to Washington. The envoy expressed grateful appreciation of the kindly reception accorded the party since its arrival in this country.

The envoy will remain in Washington for a period of at least four months, and his future movements are uncertain. He added that some of the happiest periods of his life had been experienced in the United States during his college days and that he is anxious to renew acquaintances and friendships formed at that time.

### DERELICT SIGHTED.

Schooner John M. Brown, Recently Abandoned, Still Afloat.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Dismailed with decks awash, the derelict schooner John M. Brown, which was wrecked October 20, off the coast of Virginia, her captain and crew being saved, was sighted November 21 some 500 miles eastward from the point from where she was abandoned.

The steamer Haverstoe, which arrived here today reported passing the schooner.

### LOCAL OPTION ELECTION.

Ordered by Judge for City of Roanoke.

(By Associated Press.)

ROANOKE, VA., Nov. 27.—Judge John W. Wood in the corporation court today ordered a local option election for Roanoke to be held December 30 next. The election was ordered on a petition made by the Anti-Saloon League.

### Railroad Shops Increase Hours.

(By Associated Press.)

ROANOKE, VA., Nov. 27.—It was announced tonight that the Roanoke shops of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company will on December 1 go on a ten hour day schedule. The shops have been working short time for more than a year.

The increase in hours will serve to benefit 2,000 employees. The shops are the largest on the system.

## AGREEMENT REACHED BY AMERICA AND JAPAN

Two Nations Will Jointly Encourage Peaceful Commercial Development in the Pacific.

### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN CHINA

Mutual Disclaimer of Aggressive Designs And Pledge to Maintain Existing Status Quo in China—Determination Expressed to Support Chinese Independence and Integrity.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Despite official reticence, information from reliable sources has been obtained of an agreement of far reaching importance between the United States and Japan covering the policy of the two countries in the Pacific.

The agreement is based upon the idea of encouraging and defending free and peaceful commercial development in the Pacific. It contains not only a mutual guarantee to respect each other's territorial possessions there, but defines the attitude of the two countries towards China, binding each to defend by every peaceful means China's independence and integrity, and to give equal commercial opportunity in the Chinese empire to all nations.

### Two Nations to Consult.

But more important still the agreement, in the event of complications threatening the status quo, binds the United States and Japan to consult each other with a view to acting together.

The agreement has been drawn up in the form of a declaration and consists of five articles of which the following is an accurate and faithful declaration.

The first article gives expression to the wish of the two governments to encourage the free and peaceful development of their commerce in the Pacific.

### No Aggressive Designs.

The second is a mutual definition of each government, both as directed to the maintenance of the existing status quo in the Pacific, and the defense of the principle of equal opportunity for commerce and industry in China.

The third article contains a statement of the consequent firm reciprocal resolution each to respect the territorial possessions in the Pacific of the other.

### To Uphold China's Integrity.

In the fourth article the United States and Japan express their determination in the "common interest of all powers" in China, to support "by all peaceful means at their disposal," the independence and integrity of China and the principle of equal commercial and industrial opportunity for all nations in the empire.

The fifth article mutually pledges the two governments in the case of "the occurrence of any event threatening the status quo as above described, or the principle of equal opportunity as above defined," to communicate with each other for the purpose of arriving at a mutual understanding with regard to the measures they may consider it useful to take.

### WILL NOT RECOGNIZE HAITIAN BLOCKADE

Black Republic Not Able to Enforce It Effectively—America Will Follow Usual Custom.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Haiti's blockade of the ports of Aquin and Jeremi, which the government admits its inability to make effective, will not be recognized by the state department.

This is in accord with the traditional policy of the American government. Notice to that effect has been sent to American Minister Furness at Port Au Prince, who cabled that he had been notified that the ports declared blockaded also had been declared closed to commerce by the Haitian authorities, who also had notified the local steamship agents that merchandise must be landed at the capital.

Acquiescing in this, the minister said would "nearly affect American firms which have sold to houses shipping through Aquin and Jeremi the greater part of the merchandise for the ports coming from the United States. At neither place Mr. Furness says has the government adequate force to maintain a blockade.

Other features of the minister's advice are that the government of Haiti acknowledges the revolutionists have Jeremi, and that the secretary

of the Interior is a prisoner in their hands.

### WHIP APPLIED.

Night Riders Lash Idle and Too Talkative Persons.

(By Associated Press.)

WAVERLY, TENN., Nov. 27.—Two boys by the name of Baker, living in the southern part of the county were taken to the woods last night and given a severe whipping by masked night riders.

The reason given by the riders was that the boys would not work.

John Walker was also visited by a band of riders, who whipped him and ordered him to run up and down a lane. It is said he had been talking too much.

### Judge Welch Dead.

BOWLING GREEN, VA., Nov. 27.—Judge T. N. Welch, 87 years old, died at an early hour yesterday morning in his home, in Caroline county, of blood poisoning.

He was born near Dale, Orange county, and was graduated at law by the University of Virginia. He was a captain in the Confederate army, and for a number of years was judge of the Caroline county court.

A widow and one sister, Mrs. W. C. Graves, of Orange, survive.

## HITCHCOCK GETS PLACE

Been Offered and Has Accepted Postmaster Generalship.

### NO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT YET

Public Will Not Be Formally Advised of Selection Until Cabinet Slate is Fully Made Up—Hitchcock Possesses Useful Knowledge.

(By Associated Press.)

HOT SPRINGS, VA., Nov. 27.—Frank H. Hitchcock has been offered and accepted the position of postmaster general in the Taft cabinet.

The official announcement of this conclusion regarding the first cabinet selection of President-elect Taft will doubtless not be made until Mr. Taft has completed his cabinet, at which time it will be announced en bloc. Because of this view of the situation no expression regarding the selection of Mr. Hitchcock was obtainable for publication from either Mr. Taft or the Republican national chairman.

There were many reasons, it was pointed out, why it was expedient that Mr. Hitchcock's status should be fixed, at least so far as the principals are concerned, and a complete understanding is known to exist between them. As chairman of the Republican national committee, Mr. Hitchcock became more familiar than any other person with questions likely to arise at the beginning of the Taft administration, and the knowledge he gained of the personnel of the party will be of great service to Mr. Taft throughout his administration.

### Hitchcock Knows Business.

Besides these reasons the national chairman possesses a comprehensive, as well as a technical knowledge of postal affairs gained by a protracted experience as first assistant and acting postmaster general.

Mr. Hitchcock, accompanied by Charles H. Boynton, of New York, left here tonight for Washington, where tomorrow night he will be the guest of honor at a dinner to be given by the executive and advisory committees of the national committee. He then will visit headquarters in New York. It is altogether probable that from this time on, Mr. Hitchcock will be frequently in conference with Judge Taft.

Timothy L. Woodruff, of New York, Republican state chairman, was worsted at tennis here today by Representative Parsons, president of the New York county committee. Messrs. Woodruff and Parsons expect to have a conference with Judge Taft tomorrow.

### Woodruff to See Taft.

Mr. Woodruff said he expected to discuss the senatorial situation in his state as well as a number of other matters of political importance growing out of the recent campaign.

As to his own aspirations in connection with the senatorship, Mr. Woodruff said he had as yet made no public announcement, nor had he anything to say on the subject for publication at this time. He had heard a rumor that he came down here to withdraw, he said, but he declared there was absolutely no foundation for such a statement, particularly as he had never declared himself a candidate.

Senator Fulton, of Oregon, had an opportunity this afternoon to discuss Oregon affairs with Mr. Taft.

President-elect Taft was tonight the guest of honor at a dinner given by Senator Bourne of Oregon, who entertained besides Mr. Taft a number of newspaper correspondents and personal friends.

## WOMAN PLAYWRIGHT ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Eleanor Merron Cowper, Talented Actress and Builder of Plays, Shoots Herself.

### HAD MADE EVERY PREPARATION

Before Firing Bullet Into Temple Wrote Number of Letters to Lawyer, Undertaker and a Friend—Tried to Kill Herself in Same Manner As Did Collaborator.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Using a pillow to muffle the report of a revolver, Mrs. Eleanor Merron Cowper, a talented playwright and actress, shot herself in the right temple today in an apartment at the St. Regis Hotel and she is slowly dying.

Before making the attempt at self-destruction, Mrs. Cowper had written a number of letters—one to her lawyer to take charge of her baby—another to the coroner—a third to an undertaker and a fourth to John Hood, a friend, apprising them of her intention to commit suicide. At about the moment Mrs. Cowper pressed her finger to the trigger of the revolver the letter addressed to John Hood was being delivered.

Mr. Hood glanced through the first lines and ran to the St. Regis Hotel.

### Had Accomplished Deed.

The clerk secured a pass key and hurried to the room of Mrs. Cowper, accompanied by Mr. Hood and a maid. They found Mrs. Cowper lying in bed with a pillow still over her head and the revolver clutched in her hand. The bed clothing was stained crimson.

In a biographical sketch prepared by herself, Mrs. Cowper stated that she was born in England and that she came to this country at the age of three months. Her maiden name was Eleanor Merron. Her stage career began in Boston, in a production called "Youth." Mrs. Cowper gave a list of the various productions she appeared in. Mrs. Cowper wrote four plays which were produced on Broadway. They were "Dairy Farm," "In Love," "A Broadway Favorite" and "A Last Rehearsal."

### Collaborator Was Suicide.

Mrs. Cowper refers to the fact that her husband, Archibald Cowper, was an actor and that he died three years ago. Practically her only home life, she wrote, was when she lived on the farm of James H. Wallack at Middletown, N. Y., who collaborated with her in a number of plays she wrote. Last April Mr. Wallack committed suicide by shooting himself in the right temple and his tragic death seemed to have made a deep impression on Mrs. Cowper.

Mrs. Cowper tried to kill herself in identically the same manner today. In the letter Mrs. Cowper wrote to Judge Boyce, her lawyer she asked him to notify her parents in New Hampshire of her death. She asked that her body be cremated.

The police said that Mrs. Cowper was a prisoner but she was not removed from her apartments at the hotel as the doctors said that she had small chance to live and to remove her to a hospital would probably hasten the end.

Last tonight Mrs. Cowper was removed to the Presbyterian Hospital where an operation was performed. This was done as a last resort to save her life. The bullet was found in her head and extracted.

Her condition is critical.

### TO CONSIDER REQUEST.

Mine Workers in Special Session to Act Upon Proposition.

(By Associated Press.)

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Nov. 27.—The United Mine Workers of District No. 17, met in special session in this city today to consider the request of the Kanawha Coal Operators Association that the operators in the association be put on a competitive basis with the operators in the district who employ non union labor.

After an all day discussion of the request of the operators, during which spirited speeches were made, President Benjamin Davis appointed a committee on resolutions which will report to the convention Wednesday.

Upon the report of the committee to a large extent hinges the action that will be taken by the convention. The operators complain that they are unable to compete successfully with the non union operators for the reason that the agreement with the United Mine Workers call for a higher scale than that paid to non union miners. Unless there is some reduction the operators declare that they will have to go out of business.